



RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

A regular meeting of the Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education was held on Monday, June 27, 2011, at Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island. Chair Lorne Adrain declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

Present: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William C. Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh

Absent: George Caruolo and Joseph White

1. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

On a motion duly made by William Maaia and seconded by Joan Abrams it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accept the agenda for the meeting of June 27, 2011.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the minutes of the May 2, 2011 meeting and May 24, 2011 meeting.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

3. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no communications or announcements.

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Adrain thanked President Carriuolo for hosting this evening's meeting and for the brief tour of the College's facilities.

There has been a great deal of activity over the past several weeks. Since the Board's last meeting, sub-committees have been formed. Chair Adrain thanked the members for their willingness to serve and for beginning the process of imagining of what we should and can be doing together to make improvements in the system of higher education for Rhode Island.

Over the past several weeks it has been a very busy time on Capitol Hill with budget deliberations. As of late last week, there has been a recommendation from the House Committee and Commissioner Di Pasquale will cover the details of that in his report. Another item which has had a great deal of activity in the last several weeks has been the proposed nursing facility in the Knowledge District. This item seems to be going along well, and there are a number of deliberations taking place in the aftermath of the feasibility study being completed.

5. OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to speak during open forum.

6. REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Di Pasquale reported that the orientation sessions with the new board chairs for the various sub-committees have been informative and interesting. The Commissioner thanked all of the new chairs:

Michael Tikoian, Finance & Facilities
Jay Walsh, Academic & Student Affairs
Eva-Marie Mancuso, Government Relations
Joe White, Personnel Committee
Tessa Constant, Student Advisory Committee
Amy Berretta, Quality, Continuous Improvement & Innovation

Thanks to federal funding, the Office of Higher Education is beginning three data studies that will link K-12 student unit record data (RIDE) to higher education student unit record data for the first time. This is an important step as we go forward in development of understanding student success rates.

Last Friday, the House approved a budget which contained \$4 million of additional operating funds for higher education (the Governor had suggested a \$10 million increase). An additional \$2 million was approved for RICAP funding for asset protection and will be divided amongst the three institutions. The University will lose \$1,928,142 from the original budget; the College will lose \$1,262,068; and the Community College, which did not ask for a tuition increase, will lose \$2,764,616. As these figures were released, each institution was asked to

prepare a statement as to the budget's impact to be sent to the Governor's office. The Senate is meeting to talk about the budget which is expected to be disclosed by the end of the week. It is expected to look very similar to the budget passed by the House. The institutions are going forward with the budget passed by the House. Although the institutions are appreciative of the additional \$4 million, it is still less than what was projected. This shortfall will present challenges for each of the presidents as contract negotiations commence. The impact of this budget on these negotiations will be discussed in executive session.

The Commissioner stated that he felt it would be very inappropriate to request tuition increases at this late date to offset the reduction to higher education in the most recent budget. Given that parents have to know and students have to plan, he felt it would be very inappropriate to discuss any tuition increases for the fall. During the course of this fiscal year which begins on July 1st, the institutions will be monitoring the impact of these cuts and may have to come back to the Board for additional help. As for the fall semester, the institutions will be going forward with their plans as they exist today.

In response to an inquiry by the Board, Commissioner Di Pasquale noted the amount each of the institutions will receive in state aid:

University of Rhode Island	\$1,154,397
Rhode Island College	\$ 792,204
Community College of Rhode Island	\$1,735,384

The Office of Higher Education was cut roughly 30% or \$800,000. There were also 5 positions eliminated at OHE. The eleven positions currently held at OHE are intact. We will discuss the impact of what the \$800,000 reduction means to the office and their ability to continue to perform all of their duties in light of these cuts.

Richard Licht, the Director of Administration for the state will begin a study of higher education administration and governance with an eye toward streamlining and centralizing many of the back office operations. Commissioner Di Pasquale and Chair Adrain, along with others will be invited to partake in those discussions. Director Licht's report is due back to the legislators in November.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of the Board's Vice Chair

Chair Adrain nominated Michael Tikoian for Vice Chair of the Board of Governors for Higher Education. After hearing no additional nomination from the Board members for the position of Vice Chair, Chair Adrain entertained a motion that the Board of Governors elects Michael Tikoian as Vice Chair of the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

On a motion unanimously made and seconded by the full Board it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education elects Michael Tikoian as Vice Chair.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

Chair Adrain expressed his appreciation to Vice Chair Tikoian for his dedication and hard work not only for his chairmanship of the Finance & Facilities Committee, but also to serve as Vice Chair and assist Chair Adrain in fulfilling the duties of the Board.

Vice Chair Tikoian thanked Chair Adrain and all members of the Board for their support.

b. Election of the Board's Secretary

Chair Adrain nominated Jane Sherman as Secretary of the Board of Governors for Higher Education. After hearing no additional nomination from the Board members for the position of Secretary, Chair Adrain entertained a motion that the Board of Governors elects Jane Sherman as Secretary of the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

On a motion unanimously made and seconded by the full Board it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education elect Jane Sherman as Secretary

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

Chair Adrain thanked Jane Sherman for her willingness to serve as the Secretary for the Board.

c. Approval of URI's proposal to Offer a B.A. in Chinese

Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber stated that staff members of the Rhode Island Office of Higher Education have given careful review to a new proposal from the University of Rhode Island to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chinese. The BA in Chinese is designed to give students the linguistic and cultural tools to compete in the global economy.

The Chinese program at URI currently receives significant support through the federally-funded Language Flagship program. Through an innovative partnership between the federal government, education, and business, the Language Flagship Program prepares students who will have a superior level of fluency in many of the languages which are critical to US competitiveness and security and who will become the next generation of global professionals.

It is important to note that URI is one of only nine universities that were selected by the federal government as a Chinese Language Flagship Program.

The program currently is staffed with four full-time faculty members; the Office of Higher Education deems that the proposed degree can be supported by the existing faculty and support staff. The current URI library resources are sufficient and there is no new need for new facilities or capital equipment to support this major. The Office of Higher Education Management and Finance has also issued an opinion that URI's projections for the revenues, costs, and enrollments of the proposed program appear to be presented fairly in all material aspects and do not contain any misstatements.

Based on the information presented by the University and the staff of the Office of Higher Education, I recommend that the proposal for a B.A. in Chinese at URI be approved by the Board of Governors for Higher Education

Dean Winifred Brownell and Governor Walsh each expressed their support of the proposal before the Board.

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Joan Abrams it was

VOTED:	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the proposal to offer the Bachelor of Arts degree in Chinese at the University of Rhode Island.
	Vote:	11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh
	NAYS:	0

d. Approval of URI's Proposal to Offer an Interdisciplinary Neurosciences Program, Offering the M.S. and Ph.D. Degree and a certificate option

Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber presented to the Board the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School proposal to offer an interdisciplinary graduate program in neurosciences that would lead to the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. A certificate option will also be available for students who wish introductory exposure to the field. Currently, although faculty in several colleges of the university are conducting research and offering courses in neuroscience, there is no official academic neuroscience program.

Recently, new faculty members whose primary research focus is in neuroscience have been hired in engineering, pharmacy, and psychology. Combined with existing faculty, the critical mass needed to develop a neuroscience program is available.

The Office of Higher Education Management and Finance unit has reviewed the proposal's budgetary documents and has issued an opinion that URI's projections for the revenues, costs, and

enrollments of the proposed program appear to be presented fairly in all material aspects and do not contain obvious, misstatements.

Associate Commissioner Grossman-Garber recommends that the Board approve the Interdisciplinary Neurosciences program.

Donald DeHayes, Provost for the University of Rhode Island and Dr. Nassa, Dean of neuroscience spoke in support of the proposal.

On a motion duly made by John Walsh and seconded by Jane Sherman it was

VOTED:	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the proposal to Offer an Interdisciplinary Neurosciences Program, offering the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees and a Certificate option at the University of Rhode Island.
	Vote:	11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh
	NAYS:	0

e. **Approval of URI's Proposal to Offer a B.S. in Environmental and Natural Resources Economics**

Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber presented the University's proposal to offer a B.S. degree in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, resulting from the Board's action to consolidate two similar existing programs that were flagged for their low graduation rates, the BS in Environmental Economics and Management and the BS in Resource Economics and Commerce.

This new degree is designed to attract greater numbers of students with its enhanced emphasis and broad perspective on contemporary environmental and economic issues.

Graduates of the Environmental and Natural Resource Economics program will be prepared for careers in the public and private sectors that are devoted to environmental and natural resource management, business, or public policy. There is abundant rationale to support this major at URI. No new courses are needed to offer the degree and no new or reassigned faculty or staff positions are required.

The Office of Higher Education Management and Finance unit has reviewed the proposal's budgetary documents and has issued an opinion that URI's projections for the revenues, costs, and enrollments of the proposed program appear to be presented fairly in all material aspects and do not contain obvious, misstatements.

The University has provided a strong rationale and plan for the major. Associate Commissioner Grossman-Garber recommends that the Board approve the B.S. in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics.

Provost Don DeHayes provided the board with some background information and expressed his support of the proposal.

On a motion duly made by Tessa Constant and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

VOTED:	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal to offer the Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics at the University of Rhode Island
	Vote:	11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh
	NAYS:	0

f. Approval of RIC's Proposal to Offer a B.S. in Medical Imaging

Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber presented Rhode Island College's proposal to offer the Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Imaging in conjunction with the School of Diagnostic Imaging run by Rhode Island Hospital. This new degree will expand upon and replace the BS in Radiologic Technology which was approved by the Board of Governors in August of 2009.

Upon completion of the program, students will be eligible to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist, Computer Tomography and the Nuclear Medicine Technology certification board examinations. Upon successfully passing the appropriate exam, graduates will be prepared to enter a career as nuclear medicine technologists or radiologic technicians.

This program will provide students in the CCRI Radiology program with the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree at Rhode Island College by completing general education and cognate science course requirements. In addition, the program will not negatively affect clinical placements for CCRI students but will increase the available number of clinical education placements in medical imaging from 26 to 36.

The Office of Higher Education's Finance and Management unit has reviewed the proposal's budgetary documents and has issued an opinion that the College's projections for revenues, costs, and enrollments of the proposed program appear to be presented fairly in all material aspects and do not contain obvious misstatements.

Following close review of this proposal, Associate Commissioner Grossman-Garber recommends Board approval of this model program.

Dr. Ron Pitt, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor Eric Hall expressed their excitement and support of the program.

On a motion duly made by Tessa Constant and seconded by Jane Sherman it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approve the proposal to offer the Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Imaging at Rhode Island College

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

8. BOG COMMITTEE REPORTS and RELATED CONSENT AGENDA

Committee Chair, Michael Tikoian, advised the board that the Finance and Facilities committee met on June 21, 2011, and presents the following items for approval:

a. Finance and Facilities

1. Acceptance of the A-133 Audit Reports for URI, RIC and CCRI for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010

Committee Chair, Michael Tikoian, introduced the A-133 Audit Reports as required by the federal government for institutions that receive federal funds. These audit reports are for URI, RIC and CCRI for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

On a motion duly made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Amy Beretta it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education accepts the A-133 audit reports for the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the Community College of Rhode Island for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

**2. Approval of Loan Corrections for 403(b) Defined Contribution Plan
Sponsored by the RIBGHE – TIAA CREF Accounts**

Committee Chair, Michael Tikoian, presented a letter received by TIAA CREF with regard to the 403(b) Defined Contribution Plan. This correspondence indicated that there are errors in some reporting relative to loans provided to participants of the plan. This particular item was given to legal counsel for their review. TIAA CREF recommended two possibilities to resolve the issue, legal counsel recommended that Option 2 be accepted. The Finance & Facilities Committee has reviewed Option 2 and approved it. Governor Mancuso added to the motion that the Board request a reimbursement of legal fees as the Board incurred legal expenses in this regard. Chair Tikoian recommends approval of Option 2 as recommended by the Board's tax (legal) counsel.

On a motion duly made by Michael Tikoian and seconded by Eva-Marie Mancuso it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves a request from TIAA-CREF to remediate the issue of excess transfers which were allowed between Individual Retirement Annuity ("RA") accounts and Group Supplemental Retirement Annuity ("GSRA") accounts, and against which excessive loans were taken; and

Further, that such recommendation includes an undertaking to implement the following remediation action steps: (1) For individuals with current sufficient pre-tax monies in their "voluntary" IRC 403(b) account, any outstanding loans from the GSRA accounts be re-collateralized using only "voluntary" pre-tax monies; (2) For individuals with loans that have been paid off or are in default, that related employee contributions and employer matching funds be moved back to their respective originating accounts and TIAA CREF will confirm, in writing, that they have issued the appropriate tax forms for those accounts that are in default; (3) For active accounts in GSRA's with insufficient voluntary pre-tax monies as collateral, that TIAA-CREF be allowed to transfer such loan to a TIAA Controlled Loan Account and release the related collateral in the related GSRA account insofar as TIAA-CREF assumes responsibility to collect loan payments, pay off such loan in the event of default, and return such funds to the appropriate originating account upon payment in full; (4) Any legal fees incurred by the Board for outside counsel regarding this matter will be paid by TIAA-CREF; and (5) TIAA CREF acknowledges, in writing, that the issuance of these loans outside the defined plans was a result of their own mistake. Any inquiry by any outside agency will reflect TIAA's mistake and TIAA agrees, in writing, to hold the Board harmless from any liability, costs, penalties, and/or any other adverse action that it may incur or become subject to as a result of this matter.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members
voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta,
Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso,
Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and
John Walsh

NAYS: 0

**3. Approval of the Proposed Execution of Educational Services
Agreement and a Lease Agreement between the RIBGHE/URI and the American
Cultural Exchange and A.C.E. Language Institute**

Committee Chair, Michael Tikoian, presented the request of the Finance & Facilities Committee to approve the proposed Execution of Education Services Agreement and a Lease Agreement as presented in Item 8a3. Chair Tikoian added that after conducting considerable research, the staff at the University has determined that the A.C.E. Language Institute is the most unique organization in the United States that offers integrated outreach to prospective students who are interested in enrollment at higher education institutions in the United States.

The University believes that this program will generate an increased source of revenue and seeks the authorization of the Board to enter into this Service Agreement and the associated Lease Agreement subject to its acceptance by the Board's General Counsel, and approval of the State Properties Committee.

On a motion duly made by Michael Tikoian and seconded by Amy Beretta it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the
proposed Execution of an Educational Services Agreement
and a Lease Agreement between the Board of Governors
for Higher Education/University of Rhode Island and the
American Cultural Exchange and A.C.E. Language
Institute, subject to review and approval by legal counsel
and subsequent approval of the Lease by the State
Properties Committee

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members
voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta,
Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso,
Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and
John Walsh

NAYS: 0

4. Approval of the 2011-2012 Henry Bernard School Tuition Rates

Chair Tikoian presented President Carriuolo's recommendation for an increase in tuition rates for the Henry Barnard School for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The recommended increase of 7% has been reviewed by the Finance & Facilities Committee. The Committee reviewed the proposal and heard from members of RIC's team who have acknowledged that they are doing everything in their power to assure that these tuition increases will not reoccur. As indicated in their budget, the Henry Barnard School customarily runs in a deficit which is absorbed by the College. The Committee has approved the tuition increase and recommends it accordingly.

On a motion duly made by Michael Tikoian and seconded by the full Board it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the tuition rates for the Henry Barnard School for the 2011-2012 fiscal year as presented

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

5. Approval of the Uniform Real Estate License Agreement between the RIBGHE/URI and Lambda Beta House Corporation of Chi Omega

Chair Tikoian indicated that the Lamba Beta House Corporation is seeking to renovate its current structure and possibly expanding the existing chapter house by approximately 5,500 square feet.

The uniform license agreement was developed to standardize the arrangements made with fraternities and sororities, and to provide increased protections for the Board/URI including required insurance and indemnification provisions.

The Finance & Facilities committee recommends approval of the License Agreement and requests the approval of the Board.

On a motion duly made by Michael Tikoian and seconded by the full Board it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the Real Estate License Agreement between the Board of Governors for Higher Education/University of Rhode Island and Lambda Beta House corporation of Chi Omega subject to review and approval by legal counsel and approval by the State Properties Committee

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

6. Acceptance of a Two-Year Extension of the West Kingston Well Lease and Conditional Purchase and Sale Agreement between the RIBGHE/URI and the Kingston Water District

Chair Tikoian turned Item 8a6 over to Associate Commissioner Susan LaPanne to provide the Board with background information.

Associate Commissioner LaPanne indicated that two years ago the University of Rhode Island was granted approval to negotiate a two year lease as well as a conditional purchase and sale agreement between the Board of Governors on behalf of URI and the Kingston Water District for the sale of the West Kingston Well. In the course of these two years, certain benchmarks were to be reached. All tests and benchmarks have been met successfully on behalf of the University. However, through no fault of their own, the Kingston Water District continues to work on the Health Department testing as well as some of the other benchmarks that are needed for this purchase and sale agreement to take effect. The Purchase and Sale Agreement of two years ago indicated a negotiated sale price of \$120,000 for the well upon completion of the testing and other stipulations. At this point, the end of the two-year lease on June 30, 2011, and the Kingston Water District is requested an additional two year lease to complete the additional testing and benchmarks be achieved. The URI staff believes that this is in the best interest of both parties involved and is therefore asking for the approval of the Board.

On a motion duly made by Michael Tikoian and seconded by the full Board it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the execution of this Agreement for a two-year extension of the West Kingston Well Lease and Conditional Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Board of Governors for higher Education/URI and the Kingston Water District with the final form subject to the review and acceptance of the Board's General Counsel. The Agreement's final execution will also be subject to the approval of the State Properties Committee.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

b. Quality, Continuous Improvement and Innovation

Governor Beretta, Chair of the Quality, Continuous Improvement and Innovation Committee advised that Governors Sherman, Constant, Rockett and herself met with Office of Higher Education staff to learn what the OHE has done so far in terms of quality monitoring, metrics, the problems, limitations, future ability, and the history of what has been done regarding the 2004 directive of this Board that the schools do their own quality measurements.

At the next meeting of the Committee, they will meet with the representative from each school to talk about what each school has done in terms of metric-boards. The Committee will meet again on August 22nd to decide what the Committee's mission and goals are in conjunction with the Office of Higher Education and the institutions.

c. Academic and Student Affairs

Chair Walsh met with Commissioner Di Pasquale and Associate Commissioner Deborah Grossman-Garber and shared information on the work that is done by the Office of Higher Education in terms of approving programs and the proposals presented by the University, Rhode Island College and the Community College of Rhode Island in terms of approving and changing programs and other items that may be presented to the Committee. The Committee is scheduled to meet in the near future and looks forward to collectively being involved in and working with the Office of Higher Education and each of the institutions.

d. Government Relations

Governor Mancuso, Chair of the Government Relations Committee, indicated that she, along with Commissioner Di Pasquale and David Abbott of the Rhode Island Department of Education testified before the House Finance Committee on why the Committee should not abolish the Board. She would like to have the Office of Higher Education staff work with her to educate the legislators as to what OHE does. At the moment the Committee is watching 18 pieces of legislation. She expressed her desire to have all three Presidents come together with a joint government relations plan going forward to discuss the legislative report regarding the feasibility of permanently allocating all operational activities and other responsibilities currently within the office and putting them within the three institutions of higher education while keeping the Board of Governors for Higher Education.

e. Personnel

General Counsel Cavallaro provided the Board with the report of the Personnel Committee in Governor White's absence. He indicated that on June 16th there was an orientation held with Governor White, the Chair of the Personnel Committee, the Commissioner and the General Counsel. At this meeting, the Board's Evaluation Policies and Procedures regarding the presidents and commissioner were reviewed. This fall, the Personnel Committee will be conducting annual evaluations for the Commissioner and the Presidents as well as President Dooley's contract renewal evaluation. Governor Maaia and Governor Mancuso will serve on the Committee with Chair White.

f. Student Advisory

Governor Constant met with Commissioner Di Pasquale and Associate Commissioner Maurano on June 14th to discuss the work of the Student Advisory Committee. This committee is comprised of student leaders from each of the three institutions. With the elections that took place during the spring semester, each institution now has newly elected student government leaders. The president of each institution has been asked to make new appointments to the Student Advisory Committee based on those elections. We have asked that those appointments be made by the end of July so contact can be made with new committee members and meetings scheduled beginning this fall when students return to campus.

9. ADDITIONAL CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Adrain introduced Item 9 on today's agenda. He indicated that there were four consent items under Item 9. The first three involve approval of awarding tenure. They are:

- a. Approval of the Awarding of Tenure by the Community College of Rhode Island**
- b. Approval of the Awarding of Tenure by Rhode Island College**
- c. Approval of the Awarding of Tenure by the University of Rhode Island**

On a motion made by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

VOTED:

(Item 9a) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of tenure by the Community College of Rhode Island to:

Effective July 1, 2011

David Alfano, Assistant Professor, Psychology
Barbara A. Bradley, Assistant Professor, Nursing
Thomas H. Buss, Assistant Professor, Mathematics
Elizabeth DaCosta, Assistant Professor, Mathematics
Valerie LeVasseur, Assistant Professor, Psychology
Joanne Orabone, Assistant Professor, Business
Carol Patnaude, Assistant Professor, Human Services
Allison Petro, Assistant Professor, English
Catherine Poirier, Assistant Professor, Library
Cheryl A. Suglia, Assistant Professor, Mathematics

and further,

(Item 9b) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of tenure by the University of Rhode Island to;

Effective July 1, 2011 (Consequent to Promotion)

Walter G. Besio, Associate Professor, Electrical, Computer & Biomedical
Carolyn J. Betensky, Associate Professor, English
Geoffrey D. Bothun, Associate Professor, Chemical Engineering
Matthew J. Delmonico, Associate Professor, Kinesiology
Ruitang Deng, Associate Professor, Biomedical & Pharmaceutical
Silvia Dorado-Banacloche, Associate Professor, Entrepreneurial Management
Amanda K. Izenstark, Associate Professor, Library
Katherine A. Kelley, Associate Professor, Oceanography
Diane Kern, Associate Professor, Education
Hillary A. Leonard, Associate Professor, Marketing

Laura Meyerson, Associate Professor, Natural Resources Science
Eske Mollgaard, Associate Professor, Philosophy
Mona Niedbala, Associate Professor, Library
Michael Pennell, Associate Professor, Writing & Rhetoric
Rebecca S. Robinson, Associate Professor, Oceanography
Tatiana A. Rynearson, Associate Professor, Oceanography

and further,

- (Item 9c) THAT the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the awarding of tenure by Rhode Island College to:

Effective July 1, 2011 (Consequent to Promotion)

Vincent Bohlinger, Associate Professor, English
Michelle Brophy-Baermann, Associate Professor, Political Science
Roland de Gouvenain, Associate Professor, Biology
Ian Grietzer, Associate Professor, Music
Denise Guilbault, Associate Professor, Music Education
Elizabeth Holtzman, Associate Professor, Counseling, Ed. Leadership & School Psychology
Ying Hui-Michaels, Associate Professor, Special Education
Sarah Knowlton, Associate Professor, Physical Sciences
Mary Ellen Kregler, Associate Professor, Music
Elisa Miller, Associate Professor, History
Glenn Rawson, Associate Professor, Philosophy
Jeanne Schwager, Associate Professor, Nursing
Richard Whitten, Associate Professor, Art
John Diego Arango, Associate Professor, Henry Barnard School

Effective July 1, 2012 (Tenure Only)

Susan Clark, Assistant Professor, Health & Physical Education
Joanne Costello, Associate Professor, Nursing
Beth Lewis, Assistant Professor, Psychology
Sarah Spinette, Assistant Professor, Biology
Jessica Borges, Assistant Professor, Henry Barnard School
Michelle Nonis, Assistant Professor, Henry Barnard School
Lyn-Su Otto, Assistant Professor, Henry Barnard School
Cheryl Paul, Assistant Professor, Henry Barnard School
Vanessa Percoco, Assistant Professor, Henry Barnard School

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh

NAYS: 0

d. Recommendations from the Personnel Review Committee (PRC)

Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations, presented the Personnel Review Committee's recommendations. All three items presented are reclassification of existing positions that have previously been filled at the University.

The first position is the Director of Student Learning Outcomes Assessment & Accreditation. The Committee is proposing to upgrade the position from a Grade 15 to a Grade 16 and to add an on-line education component to the position, rather than to create an additional position. This position has been vacant since January. The institution hopes to start the search process after the reclassification is approved.

The second position is the reclassification of the Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs/GLBT position. The position previously reported to the Vice President of Student Affairs at the University. The incumbent in this position will be retiring later this week and the University is proposing to reconstitute this position to a director, same pay grade. This position will report to the Associate Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Community which was previously approved by this Board.

The third position is a reclassification of the Assistant Vice President for Public Affairs. This position was previously held by Andrea Hopkins who retired in May, 2011. The University is proposing to downgrade this position from a Pay Grade 18 to a Pay Grade 15 as Director of Legislative & Government Relations. This position will report to the President.

As a result of that review process, the Personnel Review committee is recommending that the Board approve these recommendations:

On a motion moved by Eva-Marie Mancuso and seconded by Thomas Rockett it was

VOTED:

(Item 9d)

That

the Board of Governors for Higher Education approves the Personnel Review Committee's recommendations as follows:

At the University of Rhode Island:

- Reclassify the Director, Student Learning Outcomes Assessment & Accreditation position, Grade 15, to a new position Director, Learning, Assessment & Online Education, Grade 16
- Reclassify the Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs/GLBT position, Grade 13, to a new position Director, LCBTQ Center, Grade 13
- Reclassify the Assistant Vice President for Public Affairs position, Grade 18, to a new position Director, Legislative & Government Relations, Grade 15

Vote:

11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS:

Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh

NAYS:

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10. PRESIDENTS' REPORTS

a. University of Rhode Island

President Dooley noted that last weekend the University celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Graduate School of Oceanography. This is a real milestone for the Institution and for the entire state. Since its founding, the Graduate School of Oceanography has grown from a marine biology station to a comprehensive graduate school of oceanography in the nation. It has certainly become an institution that is internationally renowned for its work in a variety of fields. It was a pleasure to be joined by Senator Whitehouse and Congressman Langevin and many others in the celebration recognizing both what it has accomplished as well as its potential for the future. Dr. Dooley invited everyone to visit the school and observe the incredible work that is done there on behalf of the students, the state, and the nation.

At the conclusion of President Carriuolo and President Di Pasquale's presidential reports, Dr. Dooley added to his report and notified the Board of changes in academic programs that have been approved. These changes do not require approval or a vote, but do require notice at an official meeting of the Board. They are as follows:

- The Bachelor of Science Degree in Geological Sciences has now become a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology/Geological Oceanography;
- The Bachelor in General Studies has been renamed the Bachelor of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies; and
- The Ph.D. program in Applied Mathematics has been consolidated with the Ph.D. in Mathematics with a track option in Applied Mathematics.

These three changes have been approved and the University may now proceed in officially notifying students and advertising.

b. Rhode Island College

President Carriuolo gave a few of the Board members a brief walking tour of the College's campus. She updated the Board on a few of the ongoing projects at the College:

- The Recreation Center: the opening of the renovated recreation center is projected to open approximately one month later (February 2012) than expected due to rock and asbestos that was unexpectedly discovered. This project is being funded by student fees, not state funds.
- The Art Center: the architectural plan for the renovation, being funded by state funds, is not completed.
- Water main: the replacements being funded by Federal monies are on schedule.

The College has completed the final draft of its NEASC self-study in preparation for a visit from October 30th through November 2nd. This will be the College's ten-year accreditation visit. The Board may be asked to participate in some way during the visit.

President Carriuolo advised the Board that she will be serving as Chair of the NEASC team visiting Fitchburg State University from March 4-7, 2012.

c. Community College of Rhode Island

President Di Pasquale reported on the Community College's enrollment for the fall 2011 semester. It appears that the College is very close to the 18,000 student mark. There has been an increase in summer enrollment and the College is seeing an increase for the fall. He reminded the Board that the Community College generally sees anywhere around 3,000 applications in the month of August. As of this morning, the College is seeing a 5 percent increase over fall enrollment at this time last year.

The College conferred 1,563 associate degrees and certificates when it celebrated its 46th commencement on May 20th. President Di Pasquale thanked the Board of Governors for attending the commencement.

Finally, President Di Pasquale noted that the Community College is one of 65 libraries throughout the country awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association to host public reading and discussion programs about the Civil War in commemoration of the war's 150th anniversary this year.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Lorne indicated that he would entertain a motion to enter into executive session to discuss an update on pending litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) and an update on collective bargaining pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2);

On a motion duly made by Amy Beretta and seconded by Jane Sherman it was

VOTED:	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education convene in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2) for the reasons set forth above.
	Vote:	11 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh
	NAYS:	0

After a short break, the Board convened in Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

All non-Board members in the audience were excused with the exception of Ray M. Di Pasquale, Commissioner and President of the Community College of Rhode Island; University of Rhode Island President David M. Dooley; Rhode Island College President Nancy Carriuolo; Ronald Cavallaro, General Counsel for the Board; Anne Marie Coleman, Director of Labor Relations; Steven Maurano, Associate Commissioner for External Affairs; Susan LaPanne, Associate Commissioner for Finance & Management; and Deborah Grossman-Garber, Associate Commissioner for Academic Planning and Policy.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:21 p.m.

On a motion duly made by William Maaia and seconded by Michael Tikoian it was

VOTED:	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education authorize Anne Marie Coleman to proceed with collective bargaining negotiations in the manner as discussed in executive session.
	Vote:	10 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, and Michael Tikoian
	NAYS:	0

[Governor Walsh rejoined the meeting.]

On a motion duly made by William Maaia and seconded by Antonio Barajas it was

VOTED:	That	the Board of Governors for Higher Education seal the minutes of the executive session held this evening.
	Vote:	11 members voted in the affirmative and 0 members voted in the negative as follows:
	YEAS:	Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta, Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso, Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and John Walsh
	NAYS:	0

13. NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, August 22, 2011, 5:30 p.m. at the University of Rhode Island,
W. Alton Jones Campus, West Greenwich

Monday, September 26, 2011, 5:30 p.m. at the Community College of Rhode Island
Board Room 4090, Warwick

14. ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion duly made by Thomas Rockett and seconded by John Walsh it was

VOTED: That the Board of Governors for Higher Education adjourn.

Vote: 11 members voted in the affirmative, and 0 members
voted in the negative as follows:

YEAS: Lorne Adrain, Joan Abrams, Antonio Barajas, Amy Beretta,
Tessa Constant, William Maaia, Eva-Marie Mancuso,
Thomas Rockett, Jane Sherman, Michael Tikoian, and
John Walsh

NAYS: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Sherman, Secretary